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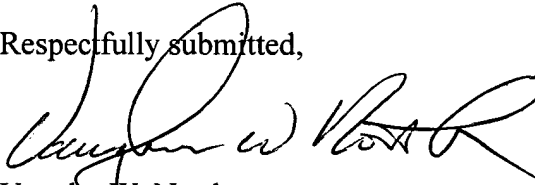
In further response to the Examiner's request of December 6, 1999, paper no. 5, applicant submits 17 pages of *formal* drawings, Figs. 1a-e through 32.

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Respectfully submitted,

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